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Date: August 25, 2004

In re Application of: Alan F. Savicki
 Application No. 10/049,534
 Filed: February 5, 2002
 For: CLOSURE DEVICE

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Sir:

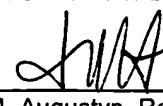
Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- Other:
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

					SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY					
TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE		none			\$ 0.00	(\$0.00)					
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CLAIM FEE	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDT. CLAIM FEE	ADDT. CLAIM FEE				
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on August 25, 2004, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 419249042 US, addressed to: Mail Stop ___, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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